

Your Friends and Mine

By Georgia H. Epps

Congratulations to the Shriners and their wives on the success of their annual convention held in our city Saturday, July 4th, in the Star City Auditorium. Roanoke's Alladin Temple was hosts. The welcome session was held at 11 a. m., with Mayor Roy L. Webber extending welcome to the city. Attending were Shriners from Washington, North Carolina, as well as from all over the State of Virginia.

At 3:30 the annual spectacular parade moved to the music of the popular Addison High School Band. This was followed by the initiation of 25 novices. Luncheon was served later in the day for the Nobles and Daughters of Isis which is the auxiliary to the Shriners.

E. S. Brown, deputy of the Oasis of Roanoke, was general chairman and Reuben E. Lawson, past master of Alleghany Lodge 109 A. F. and A. Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation, was vice chairman and director of publicity.

Congratulations to Rev. William James Simmons of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church on being awarded a scholarship by the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. He will attend Butler University, August 10-28 for a television workshop.

The course teaches techniques of preaching over TV and covers all sorts of problems connected with it.

Attending the Virginia State Federation of Women's Clubs in Alexandria this past week were Miss Mary Hairston, State vice-president; Mrs. E. M. Davis, president of the Cottage Community Club, who was crowned Miss Virginia, State Federation. This award was given to the city reporting the largest amount for the Janie Porter Barrett Hour. Miss Ollie Beverly, delegate from the Cottage Community Club. She also received the trophies for the club.

The scholarship award for this district went to Miss Phyllis Freeman of the Junior Club of Salem, Va.

Congratulations to the Salem Sewing Circle on receiving the cup for the largest membership from the Virginia State Fed-

eration. Mrs. Daisy Schley was awarded a certificate in appreciation for the service she has rendered in the Community. This award came from the National Association of Women's Clubs.

Miss Mary Hairston of Madison avenue, N. E., conducted the State pageant and the Janie Porter Barrett Hour at the U. S. F. C. The second part of the pageant was "This Is Your Life" Mrs. Wanser B. Webb of Norfolk, Va.

Amongst the visitors in our city for July 4th was Mrs. Lillie Mae Fisher of Newport News, Va.

Congratulations to Salem on being able to have Mr. Chauncey D. Harmon of Wytheville become the new principal of Carver High School. He will succeed R. Rush Anderson who was killed in an auto accident in May.

Mr. Harmon's appointment was announced by R. Douglas Nininger, superintendent of Roanoke County Schools. Mr. Harmon, now principal of Scott Memorial High School in Wytheville is a native of Pulaski. He is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute and Columbia University. He is 40 years of age, married and the father of a son and daughter.

The Owls Social Club was entertained by Mrs. Nannie Banks of Gregory avenue, N. E. At this well attended meeting plans were made for a picnic to be held on Saturday, July 18th at Pine Creek in Floyd County.

The Junior Cottage Community Club was entertained by Miss M. E. Hairston in her home on Madison avenue, N. E. Wednesday.

On Saturday a surprise birthday party was given in honor of Mrs. Georgia Bratton and Mrs. Clara Paulin. The beautiful cake with candles with a setting of white and yellow made the table very pretty. The recipient received many useful and beautiful gifts.

Mrs. Willie Mae Craig of Rutherford avenue, N. W., entertained The Canasta Six

on Saturday, July 4th.

Mrs. Estella Watson of Rutherford avenue, N. W., visited her husband, Mr. Samuel Watson for the holiday week-end. Mrs. Watson is attending the Principals Workshop at Virginia State College.

Others from Virginia State College home for the week-end were Mrs. Letitia Lynch of Tenth Street, N. W., Miss Juanita Clark of Madison avenue, N. W., Mrs. E. C. Smith Salem, Va., Mrs. Grant Wilson, Patton avenue, N. E., Mrs. Georgia Epps, Misses Ruth and Mattie Stiff, Salem, Va., and Mrs. Jessie P. Jones, Salem, Va.

Mrs. E. Curry of Charlotte, N. C., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Atkins of Fairfax avenue, N. W., recently. Mrs. Curry is the daughter of Bishop Slade of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mr. Andrew Nowlin who passed away in Burrell Memorial Hospital, Saturday after a lingering illness.

Visiting the Mrs. Nannie Marable family of Madison avenue, N. E., for the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. James Lenoir of Danville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Marable and family of South Boston, Va., and Mrs. Sallie L. Marable and daughter of Paces, Va.

The dedication of Booker T. Washington Memorial Highway (Virginia State Route 122) was held July 5th at the Booker T. Washington Birthplace Memorial at 3:30 P. M. The dedicatory exercises opened with the audience singing "America". After the invocation musical numbers were rendered by the massed choir of Rocky Mount Negro

churches. Mr. Phillips read the resolutions of Virginia Highway Commission which was authorized on June 23, 1953 under the authority of Section 33-12 of the Code of Virginia in Commemoration of Booker T. Washington 1856-1903. At this point remarks were made by Mrs. Portia Washington Pittman, the daughter of Booker T. Washington. In her remarks she explained the misunderstanding between them and said it had been cleared. She spoke of her gratefulness for this honor given her father. Other musical numbers were furnished by the Bob Williams Mountaineers. Greetings were read from Governor Battle, Senator Byrd, Congressman Poff, Senator Willis Robertson, Congressman Tuck, State Senator Ted Dalton and former Congressman Thomas B. Stanley. After this the Hon. Thomas B. Stanley spoke on his interest in the Booker T. Washington Memorial.

The main address was given by Rev. Dr. G. Lake Imes, of Baltimore, who was an associate of the late Booker T. Washington. Rev. Imes is also vice president of the memorial committee. His very dynamic address was from the subject "The Road Up From Slavery." Mr. Harold C. Saunders acknowledged congratulations from 27 states and dozens of telegrams from congressmen and other institutions and dignitaries. The closing remarks were made by attorney T. C. Walker of Gloucester, who was a student of Mr. Washington's at Hampton Institute. He spoke of his gratefulness for these honors and because it is with this movement Route 122 between Big Island and Rocky Mount would have very few accidents. Mr. S. J. Phillips, presided. The Drum and Bugle Corps gave a demonstration.

Mrs. Antionette Cox of Sanford, N. C., was the week-end guest of the Dodd family on Gilmer avenue, N. W.

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